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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(a))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fcc Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 17]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
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 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s); name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(a)(2) and 1.33(b)
- Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No.

141483.00002

First Inventor

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Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS SEPARATION OF STACKS OF INTERFOLDED SHEETS

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Assignment/Patent (cover sheet & document(s))
- 37 CFR 3.73(c); Statement Power of Attorney
(When there is no assignee)
- English Translation Document (if applicable)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 509)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(If foreign priority is claimed)
- Nonpublicator Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(v)). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

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Application Number	TBA
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 285	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2006 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 385)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Fee from below		
	Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid
Independent: 2	-20 ^{**} = 0	x 0	0
Multiple Dependent:	-3 ^{**} = 0	x 0	0

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1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
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1205 18	2205 8	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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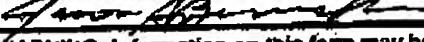
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1051 150	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 820*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension of reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension of reply within second month	
1253 850	2253 475	Extension of reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension of reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension of reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 185	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 185	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to reissue - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 655	Petition to reissue - unintentional	
1601 1,330	2601 655	Utility issue fee (or release)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1450 130	1460 130	Petition to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
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8021 40	8021 40	Recordation of patent assignment per proprie (list as number of properties)	
1809 770	2609 385	Filing a continuation after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a divisional application	
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